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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action (Paper No. 8) mailed on March 28, 2001 in the above-captioned patent application. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and reconsideration of the application.

AMENDMENTS

In The Claims

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

Claim 23. (Amended) A process comprising using the substantially globular lyogels produced according to claim 1, to produce aerogels.

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